

**Remarks:**

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-8 have been allowed. Claims 2, 6, 9-17, and 18-28 have been canceled. Claims 29-31 have been objected to and claim 29 is presented here in independent form based on claim 27 and claims 30 and 31 continue to be dependent.

Applicant believes that the claims remaining in this case are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant by telephone with any questions about the content of this amendment or to discuss allowable subject matter to facilitate placing this case in condition for allowance.